(b) The total amount of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in Telecommunications and I.T. Sector in 20-06-07 and 2007-08 is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

FDI

(Amount in million)

Sl. No.	Sector	2006-07 Apr-Mar		2007-08 Apr-Mar		Total	
		FDI in Rs	FDI in US$	FDI in Rs	FDI in US$	FDI in Rs	FDI in US$
1	Computer Software & Hardware	117,858.23	2,614.43	56,233.00	1,409.64	174,091.24	4,024.06
2	Electronics	1,853.25	41.45	4,328.60	108.65	6,181.84	150.09
3	Telecommunications	21,550.77	477.74	51,026.09	1,261.46	72,576.86	1,739.20
	GRAND TOTAL :	141,262.25	3,133.61	111,587.69	2,779.74	252,849.94	5,913.35

Ban on the use of mobile phones in schools/colleges

637. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has issued any guidelines stating that electromagnetic waves emitted from mobile phones can seriously damage the tissue of user's brain; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ban the use of mobile phones in schools and colleges by students so as to avoid any harmful health affects as well as from mobiles being misused by students during school and college study hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The latest Fact Sheet No. 304 of May, 2006 of World Health Organization (WHO) states that from all evidence accumulated so far, no adverse short or long-term health effects have been shown to occur from the RF signals produced by the base stations. Further a Committee was setup under the Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), as per the orders of Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai, to study the effects of radiations from mobile phone towers and related aspects. The Committee has studied the effects and concluded that overall there is not enough evidence to show direct health hazards of RF exposures from mobile base stations.

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638. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: